

**GOOD TIDINGS FROM 4 GOSPELS
“Jesus Christ, the Servant
Gospel of Mark**

Big Idea – Jesus shows us by His life how to be a great servant.

1. The Servant Predicted

Isaiah 42:1 “Here is my servant, the One I support. He is the one I chose, and I am pleased with him. I have put my Spirit upon Him, and He will bring justice to all nations.

Isaiah 49:5 The LORD made me in the body of my mother to be his servant, to lead the people of Jacob back to him so that Israel might be gathered to him. The LORD will honor me, and I will get my strength from my God.
6 Now he told me, “You are an important servant to me to bring back the tribes of Jacob, to bring back the people of Israel who are left alive. But, more importantly, I will make you a light for all nations to show people all over the world the way to be saved.”

Now turn to Mark 1 where we see Him foretold by John the Baptist

Mark 1:1 - 3 This is the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the prophet Isaiah wrote: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way.” “This is a voice of one who calls out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him.’ “

Mark 1:7 This is what John preached to the people: “There is one coming after me who is greater than I; I am not good enough even to kneel down and untie his sandals.

8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

2. The Servant Baptized

Mark 1:9 At that time Jesus came from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

10 Immediately, as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven open. The Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove,

11 and a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with you."

Why? Matt. 3:15 - To fulfill all righteousness, and to be an example for you and I to follow

3. The Servant Tempted

Mark 1:12 Then the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert.

13 He was in the desert forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels came and took care of him.

Heb. 2:17,18 Therefore, it was necessary for Jesus to be in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. He then could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Since he himself has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted.

Matt. 4:1-11 lets us know that He defeated the devil with quoted Scripture

4. The Servant Preaching – Mark 1:14

Mark 1:14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

He preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and told people to repent and believe the good news.

5. The Servant's First Followers

Mark 1:16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets.

20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

He called Simon Peter, and Andrew and James and John and turned fishermen into fishers of men.

Note his first and last words to them.

"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." – First Words

Mark 16:15 Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone." - Last Words

6. The Servant's Power

Notice his power:

Teaching doctrine

Mark 1:21 Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day He went to the synagogue and began to teach.

22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught like a person who had authority, not like their teachers of the religious law.

Over demons

Mark 1:23 Just then, a man was there in the synagogue who had an evil spirit in him. He shouted,

24 "Jesus of Nazareth! What do you want with us? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are—God's Holy One!"

25 Jesus commanded the evil spirit, "Be quiet! Come out of the man!"
26 The evil spirit shook the man violently, gave a loud cry, and then came out of him.
27 The people were so amazed they asked each other, "What is happening here? This man is teaching something new, and with authority. He even gives commands to evil spirits, and they obey him."

Over disease

Mark 1:29-33 29 As soon as Jesus and his followers left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.
30 Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and the people told Jesus about her.
31 So Jesus went to her bed, took her hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began serving them.
32 That evening, after the sun went down, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick and had demons in them.
33 The whole town gathered at the door.
34 Jesus healed many who had different kinds of sicknesses, and he forced many demons to leave people.

Through Prayer

Mark 1:35 Early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus woke and left the house. He went to an isolated place, where he prayed.

Jesus needed to have a Quiet Time with His Father!

Little prayer, little power

More prayer, more power

Much prayer, much power.

Mark 11:17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

Isaiah 56:7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

7. The Servant's Principle for Greatness

Mark 10:42 Jesus called them together and said, "The non-Jewish people have rulers. You know that those rulers love to show their power over the people, and their important leaders love to use all their authority.

43 But it should not be that way among you. Whoever wants to become great among you must serve the rest of you like a servant.

44 Whoever wants to become the first among you must serve all of you like a slave.

45 In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people."

Be servant of all; be like Jesus who came to give his life a ransom for many, for your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the job of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him.

19 God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace.

20 So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God.